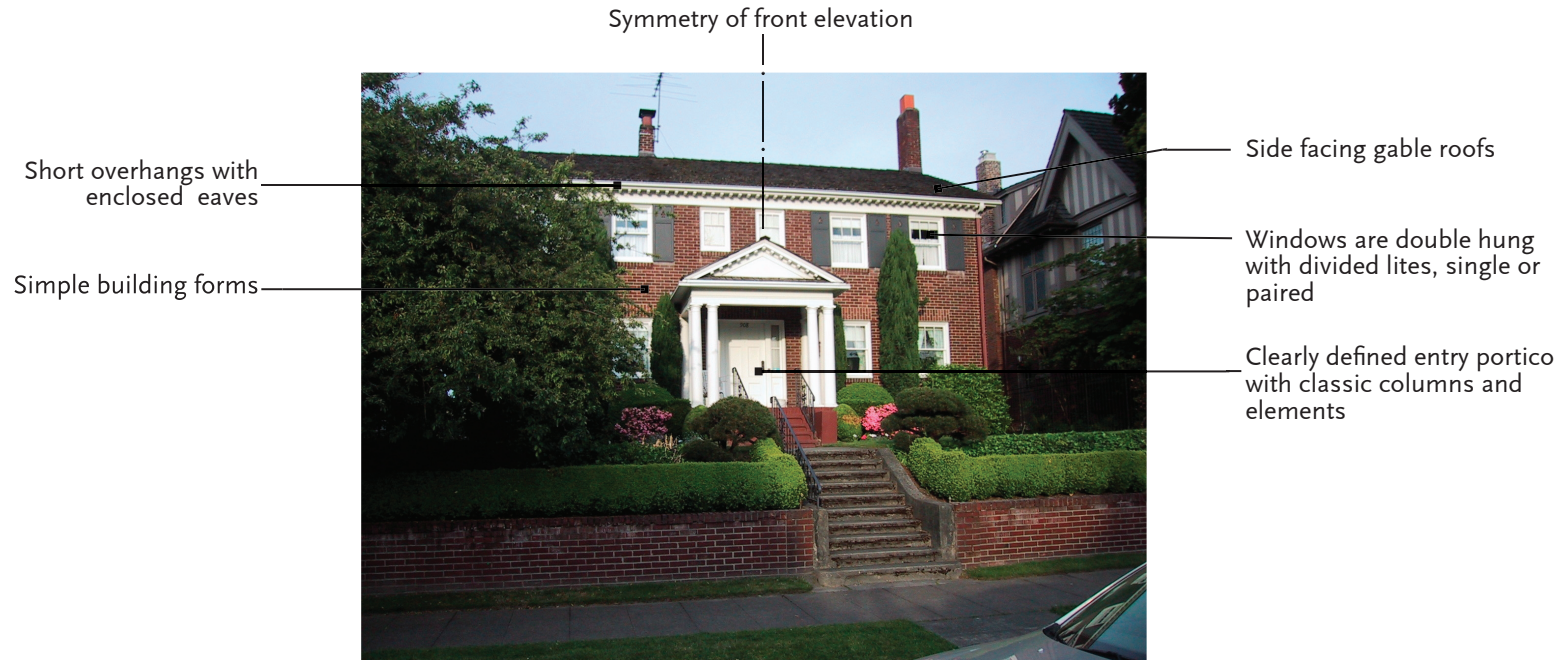


4 . C O L O N I A L R E V I V A L



H I S T O R Y

The crisp forms, and elegant details of Colonial Revival houses are popular in Virginia from late 1800's – 1940. The style is preceded by the Georgian and Adam style.

From 1880-1955, Colonial revival Story-and-a-half Cape Cod cottages and grand center-hall Colonials were designed with equal interest in historically accurate proportions and details.

Throughout the country, some of the finest examples of traditional neighborhoods were built using the Colonial Revival style. The style's popularity has continued due to its simple nobility, flexibility and associated patriotic virtues.

E L E M E N T S O F S T Y L E

In keeping with their historical models, building volumes were very simple, usually contained under a single side-gabled roof running parallel to the street. Street facades were typically symmetrical, with increased emphasis on the front entry. Window proportions were vertical, used as a repetitive element in the façade composition. Main living areas sported bay or grouped windows that typify the revival style.

Simple molding profiles were the most common trim and were used decoratively around entries and at cornices and eaves.

Entry doors were given more attention, where sidelights, fanlights and other Georgian, Dutch or English inspired details were surrounded by layered trim. Entry porches could be compact with detailed molding and columns.